

**LA PORTE COUNTY  
COUNTY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2008**

The La Porte County Council met for the Reorganization meeting on the 7th day of January, 2008, in the assembly room of the La Porte County Government Complex. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by La Porte County Auditor, Teresa Shuter.

**ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Don Baugher led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call followed.

All Council Members were present with the exception of Terry Garner.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Shuter asked for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Jones nominated Mark Yagelski as President and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Mrs. Shuter asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President? As there were none, Mr. Ludlow made a motion that the nominations be closed which was seconded by Mr. Cooley. Mr. Yagelski was nominated by unanimous consent.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr. Mrozinski made a motion to nominate Jerry Cooley for Vice President which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Yagelski asked if there were any other nominations? As there were none, the nominations were closed. The motion for Jerry Cooley as Vice President carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY:** Mr. Yagelski noted that Don Baugher would like to continue on as Council Attorney but that he had expressed a concern about being reappointed to this position since he has been named as attorney to the City of LaPorte. Mr. Yagelski, after talking to several others, doesn't believe this would cause a problem and if issues arise regarding LaPorte City and LaPorte County, then Mr. Baugher would need to represent LaPorte City. Mr. Baugher commented that he is officially an officeholder with the City of LaPorte.

Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Don Baugher as Council Attorney and Mr. Ludlow seconded. The motion carried 6 – 0 by voice vote.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION:** Mr. Mrozinski nominated Dan Van Schoyck to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Mr. Cunningham nominated Patrick Dougherty to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Mr. Jones seconded the nominations. Mr. Shuter asked for a voice vote from each Council Member.

Mr. Cooley:	Patrick Dougherty
Earl Cunningham:	Patrick Dougherty
John Jones:	Patrick Dougherty
Mark Ludlow:	Patrick Dougherty
Rich Mrozinski:	Dan Van Schoyck
Mark Yagelski:	Patrick Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty was nominated to the Alcoholic Beverage Commissioners by a 5 – 1 voice vote to serve a one-year term.

**PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTABOA):** Mr. Yagelski asked if there were any other names submitted for these positions. Mr. Ludlow responded that regarding a Republican nomination, he didn't realize until late last week that the current appointment wasn't interested in being reappointed. Mr. Ludlow asked, if there are no PTABOA Board Meetings before the next Council meeting, that this appointment be delayed.

Mr. Yagelski asked Assessor Carol McDaniel what would happen if the Council can't find a Level II Republican to serve on the Board. Mrs. McDaniel responded that this requirement could be waived. Mr. Yagelski asked Mrs. McDaniel to submit any names she might have for the Republican appointment.

Mr. Cooley commented that he had received an e-mail at home from Sherry-Ritter-Banic indicating her interest in being reappointed. Mr. Cooley made a motion to reappoint Sherry Ritter-Banic to the PTABOA Board for a one-year term; motion seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

**LA PORTE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY:** Mr. Ludlow made a motion to reappoint Sue Lawrence to the LaPorte County Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded. Motion carried by voice vote 6 – 0.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** Mr. Yagelski asked that the current Personnel Committee be kept intact until the next meeting.

**COUNCIL BUDGET ADVISOR:** Mr. Yagelski stated that Auditor Teresa Shuter would serve in this position.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD:** Mr. Cunningham asked that Mr. Ludlow replace him on Community Corrections since Mr. Ludlow is already on the Advisory Board.

**GLEDC:** Mr. Cooley stated that he believes in the GLEDC by-laws, this appointment must be the Council President. Therefore, Mr. Yagelski will serve on the GLEDC Board.

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:** Mr. Yagelski asked if there were any other changes in the remaining committee appointments:

Animal Control Advisory Commission	Rich Mrozinski, Jr.
E-911 Advisory Board	John Jones
NICTD	Mark Yagelski
NIRPC	Jerry Cooley
Plan Commission	Rich Mrozinski, Jr.
Solid Waste Management	Jerry Cooley
(City) Economic Development Commission	Terry Garner
Swanson Center Advisory Board	Mark Yagelski
Juvenile Services Advisory Board	Earl Cunningham
Emergency Medical Service Council	John Jones
County Home Advisory Board	Rich Mrozinski, Jr.
Information Technology (IT) Board	Mark Yagelski

Mr. Yagelski stated that the Standing Committee appointments would remain the same except for the changes made (GLEDC & Community Corrections).

**LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:** Mr. Yagelski asked that the Council review the Liaison appointments and notify him if there are any changes that need to be made.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.